

Office of Environmental Programs

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Program Goal

Environmental Programs provides coordination and monitoring for City environmental programs and activities. The Office also develops and implements environmental policies and programs primarily designed to enhance City compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Key Services

Pollution Prevention Program
Regulatory Assistance
Policy & Rule Development
Air Quality & Dust Control
Projects to Clean Up Soil & Groundwater Pollution
Protection of Waterways
(Clean Water Act, Sec. 404)

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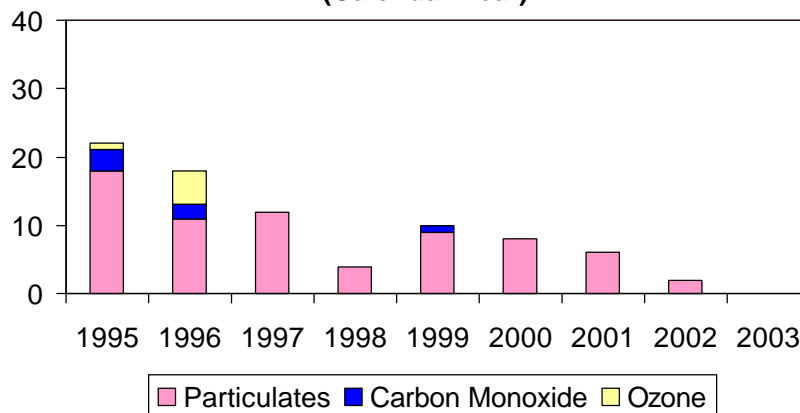
Brownfields Land Recycling Program
Environmental Quality Commission
Rio Salado & Special Environmental Projects

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**Customer Satisfaction
Technical & Regulatory
Assistance
2002/2003**

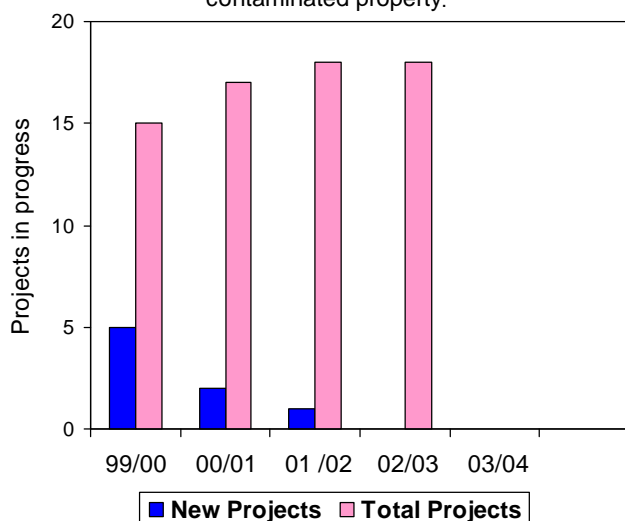
97%

**Number of Days Air Pollution
Was Above Federal Standards
In the Phoenix Metro Area
(Calendar Year)**



Brownfield Projects

Projects to encourage and assist the private sector in the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated property.



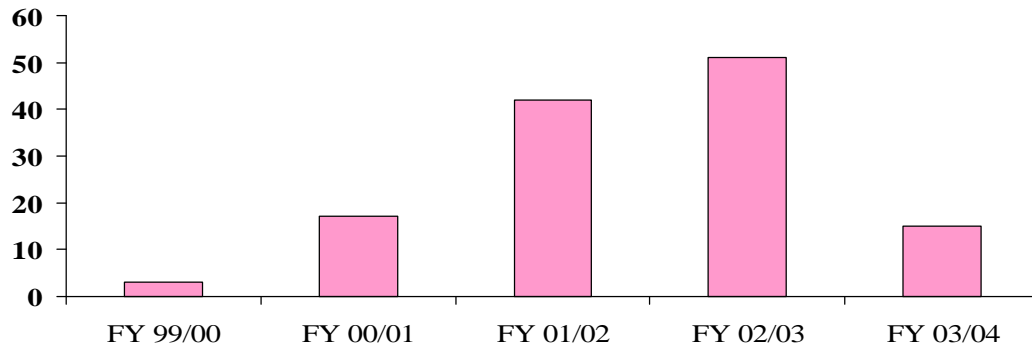
Metro North Corporate Park

National Award for Excellence in Brownfields Redevelopment



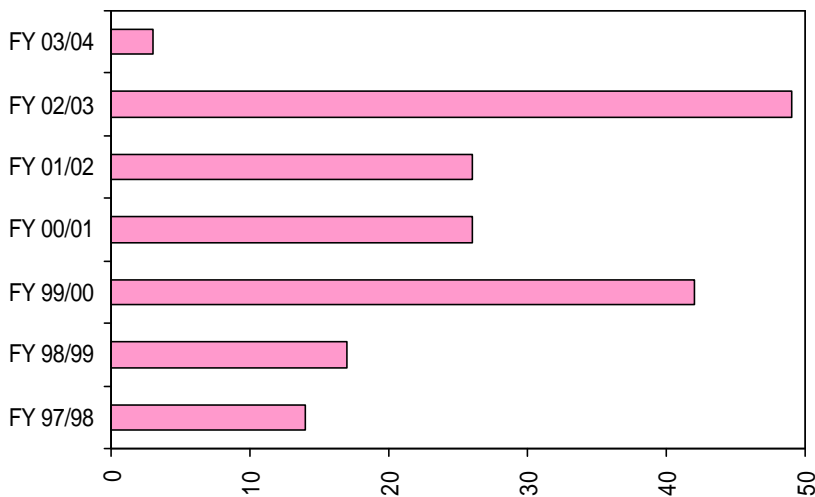
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Pollution Prevention (P2) Initiatives



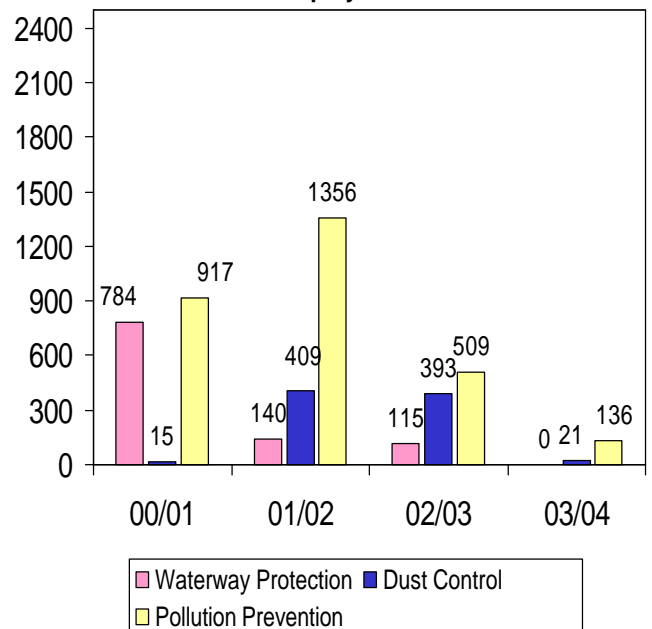
The City's P2 goal is to reduce the amount of hazardous materials used or hazardous waste generated in City operations. Product testing is conducted to identify potential substitutes for hazardous materials. As of FY 2001/02, this number also includes process changes, recycling, and other projects that reduce hazardous material use, hazardous waste generation, or disposal.

Pollution Prevention (P2) Facility Assessments**



** For FY 2000/01 and beyond, this number also includes technical assistance visits to improve compliance and identify ways to reduce the use of hazardous materials.

Environmental Training Total Employees Trained



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Comments/Highlights

Environmental Protection Agency Workshop

OEP staff attended a Brownfields Grants Workshop hosted by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. The workshop presented submission requirements for brownfields assessment, loan fund, and cleanup grants. EPA anticipates approximately \$100 million will be available nationwide for loans and grants.

Clean Water Act – Section 404 Workshop

This month, OEP staff conducted an informational workshop for approximately 70 consultants that do business with the City. The program provided guidance on the City's expectations concerning natural and cultural resource regulatory compliance. The goal was to enhance consultant's understanding of endangered species requirements and the City's approach to compliance with archaeology and historic preservation laws.

Pollution Prevention (P2) Program

A P2 Program update was provided to the Phoenix Environmental Quality Commission that showcased the program elements and tools in place to reduce hazardous material use and hazardous waste generation. Within City departments, implementing P2 opportunities has resulted in an 18 percent Citywide usage rate of environmentally preferable products.

Air Quality

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has published their official proposal to reclassify the Maricopa County area as "attainment" for carbon monoxide. Maricopa County has had no violations of the carbon monoxide standard since 1996. As a result, the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) have submitted a formal plan to document what measures will be used to maintain low levels of carbon monoxide. The formal notice is open for public comment. Cities throughout the country are achieving similar pollution reductions, primarily as the result of federal vehicle emission standards.